

Des Moines City Council PS&T Committee Minutes –3/06/2014

Meeting called to order: 5:30 PM on February 6, 2014, in North Conference Room @ 21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines WA 98198.

Council Members

Vic Pennington
Jeanette Burrage
Dave Kaplan

Other City Staff

Tony Piasecki – City Manager
Dan Brewer – Planning, Building & PW Director
Brandon Carver – Engineering Services Manager
Andrew Merges – Associate Engineer
Time George, Assistant City Attorney
George Delgado, Police Chief
Lorri Ericson – Asst. City Manager
Peggy Volin – Admin Asst II

AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes from 2.6.2014 meeting
2. Police Volunteer Program Update
3. Business Watch/Safe Cities Update
4. Noise Code Ordinance
5. CIP Project Updates

MEETING:

1. Approval of Minutes from 2.6.2014 meeting: Unanimously approved.
2. Police Volunteer Program Update: Chief Delgado informed the Committee that a new “Volunteer Coordinator” was assigned in November 2013 and will be researching how other law enforcement agencies manage their volunteer programs. Once specific tasks the volunteers are to perform are identified, the department will start to actively recruit new volunteers through the use of the City Currents newsletter, the City cable TV channel, brochures and the use of social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Currently, there are four (4) volunteers doing mostly administrative type work related to the alarm program while one volunteer is helping with filing in the evidence room. Ideally, assigning additional volunteers to assist with document scanning and answering phones and greeting customers at the lobby window.
3. Business Watch/Safe Cities Update: Chief Delgado shared a memo with the Committee that outlined the steps PD staff had taken to implement a Business Watch Program. It was decided that the initial focus would be on Pacific Highway South from the 21400 to Kent Des Moines Road. The first steps included doing a street light survey; making in-person or phone contact with business owners; contacting City staff for business code

enforcement letters and having a “No Corner Cutting” sign installed. Staff felt this “take back the highway” approach was the best way to start this project.

4. Noise Code Ordinance: The Assistant City Attorney, Tim George, provided the Committee with a draft ordinance that amended and updated the Public Disturbance Noise Ordinance found in Chapter 7.36 of the DMMC. The proposed Ordinance modernizes the existing Ordinance as well as adds language to clarify enforcement and increases the penalty for repeated violations. The Committee asked that the Draft Ordinance be brought to the entire Council for approval. Tim also provided the Committee with a draft Ordinance that would enable the Chief of Police to declare a property a Chronic Nuisance Property if the property received three violations of specific sections of the Municipal Code within a 60-day period. Committee member Kaplan sought additional information as to how this Ordinance differed from existing nuisance codes and asked that this item be returned to the Committee if the Council agreed that the Committee should address it. Committee Chair Pennington agreed to discuss this matter with the Council during Committee Reports.

5. CIP Project Updates: Brandon Carver started by introduced Andrew Merges, Public Works new Associate Engineer. Brandon then gave a brief update and explanation of the CIP projects in the construction phase; ROW phase; Design phase; and the Planning/Development phase. He also included the 2014 anticipated grant applications for Transportation which are: South 216th Segment 1a (24th – SR-99); Pavement Management Program; South 216th Segment 3 (11th – 18th); Marine View Drive & South 240th Street Intersection Improvement; and South 268th Street (16th – 19th).

Adjourned 6:40 pm

Minutes submitted by:
Peggy Volin
Administrative Assistant II